

“If God Be For Us”
Romans 8:31-34

Introduction:

1. What Is It - That You Fear Most?
 - We've Been Reading Together:
 - Through The Old Testament Book Of Job!
 - And Even Though - According To The Lord:
 - Job Was - “A Perfect And An Upright Man, One That Feareth God, And Escheweth Evil!” (Job 1:8)
 - Yet - Job Was Still A Man!
 - And - As A Man - He Still Had Great Fears!
 - Was His Greatest Fear:
 - The Loss Of His Family:
 - And His Children?
 - Which He Did Lose!
 - All 7 Sons & 3 Daughters!
 - Was His Greatest Fear:
 - The Loss Of His Resources:
 - And Influence?
 - Which He Also Did Lose!
 - All In One Day! The Same Day!
 - Or - Was His Greatest Fear:
 - The Loss Of His Own Health:
 - And Strength For Life?
 - Which He Lost As Well!
 - With “Sore Boils From The Sole Of His Foot Unto His Crown!” (Job 2:7)
 - We're Not Told Exactly What Job's Greatest Fear Was:
 - But - One Thing He Says:
 - In Job 3:25 - Is This - “For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me!”
 - Job Had Great Fears!
2. And - If You Are Honest With Yourself This Morning:
 - So Do You!
 - As It Was For Job:
 - So It Is For Us:
 - This World:
 - Is Fraught With:
 - Fearful Things!
 - And This Extends:
 - Even To The Spiritual Life & Walk:
 - Of Christians!
 - Those Who Have Been Given The Promises That We've Been Looking At:
 - All Through The Book Of Romans!
 - Like The Promise We Have:
 - In Romans 8:28 - Where We Are Told That We Can **Know** That:
 - “All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose!”
 - And - What's More:
 - The Reason **We** Can Know:
 - God's Promises - Is Because:
 - **God** Knows:
 - His People - And Even:
 - “**Foreknew**” Them - As We Saw Last Week From Romans 8:29-30!
3. In Fact - Why Don't We Turn Back There In Our Bibles:
 - If You're Not There Already:
 - To Romans 8 - Where In Verses 29-30:
 - We Read About The “Golden Chain” That Ensures The Promise Given To Us By God:

- In 8:28 - Because - Or - “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. / Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified!”

- So - Even Though:

- You Might Face & Experience:

- Some Terrifying Things In Your Life:

- The Promises Of God:

- To You - Are Sure:

- If You Are His Child By Faith In His Son!

4. And Yet - Even As Christians:

- We Still Sometimes Doubt:

- Those Promises - And:

- We Still Sometimes Fear:

- Whether Or Not:

- We Really Do:

- Have Hope In Christ - Or:

- We Really Are:

- At Peace With God - Or If:

- He Really Does:

- Love Us - As Sinful & Unlovable As We Truly Are!

- Well - This Is What The Apostle Paul:

- Deals With Next - As He Comes To A Very Strong Close:

- In Romans 8!

- He Deals With:

- Some Of The Greatest Fears:

- That You & I May Still Have:

- In Our Hearts And Minds!

5. And So - In 8:31-39:

- He Deals With Our Doubts & Fears:

- In Our Relationship With God!

- Our Hope In Him:

- In 8:31-32!

- Do You Ever Fear Your Future Hope?

- Our Peace With Him:

- In 8:33-34!

- Do You Ever Doubt Your Present Peace?

- And His Love For Us:

- In 8:35-39!

- Do You Ever Struggle With His Everlasting Love?

- Let's Read Those Verses Together:

- “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? / 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? / 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. / 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. / 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? / 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. / 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. / 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, / 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!”

6. For This Morning:

- We Are Going To Just Look At 8:31-34:

- And Save The Rest Of Those Amazing Verses:

- For Next Week!

- But - For This Morning:

- God Wants You:

- As Jesus Once Said To A Man Who Was Facing One Of His Greatest Fears - In Mark 5:36:

- To - “Be Not Afraid, Only Believe!”
- And The Reason:
 - You Can Believe In God & His Promises:
 - Is Because Of:

1. *His Great Purpose For You!*

- In 8:31 - Paul Writes:
 - “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”
 - The First Part Of This Verse:
 - Is A Phrase That Paul Likes To Use:
 - To Get Our Attention!
 - He’s Already Used It 4 Times In Romans!
 - But - I Wonder If This Time:
 - After Describing Those 5 Amazing Truths:
 - In The “Golden Chain” Of Our Salvation:
 - In 8:29-30 - If There Might Have Been A Bit Of A Struggle In His Mind:
 - To Even Know What To Say & To Know How To Respond!
 - Well - Even Though:
 - It May Be Hard To Understand & Even:
 - Hard To Believe:
 - That God Would Do All Of That For You:
 - He Did! And This Is What It Means!
 - “If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us!”
 - Starting With This Question:
 - We Have A Series Of Questions:
 - That Are Meant To Deal With Any Doubts You May Still Have:
 - About Your Salvation!
 - And - With Each Question:
 - There Is Both A Truth Statement:
 - And - An Implication Of That Truth:
 - That Ought To Calm Your Soul & Increase Your Faith!
 - And - In This First Question - We Find:
- The Truth Of God’s Purpose:
 - Which Is This:
 - God Is For Us!
 - And - God Is For You:
 - If You Are Trusting In His Son!
 - The Same God:
 - Who Foreknew You & Predestinated You & Justified You & Called You & From His Perspective Has Already Glorified You:
 - Is The God Who Is Now & Forever Will Be – For You!
 - **IE:** When I Was Involved In Sports - Soccer / Basketball - The Coaches I Had Wanted Me To Be:
 - “All In” For The Team!
 - Well - The Truth In This Verse Simply Means:
 - That God Himself:
 - Is “All In” For You - His Child!
 - Not Just In The Sense:
 - Of Rooting You On & Hoping For The Best!
 - But In The Sense Of:
 - Personally, Proactively, And Providentially Working Out All Things Together For Your Good!
 - God Is “All In” - With:
 - His Infinite Love, Thoughts, And Actions:
 - To See His Purpose For You:
 - Completely Through! And:
- The Implication Of God’s Purpose:
 - Is This:

- “Who Can Be Against Us?”
 - Since God Is For Us:
 - The Answer To This Question:
 - Is - Noone!
- Now - Even Though Today:
 - There Are Many Who Oppose Us - As God’s Children:
 - We May Be Opposed, But We Are Not Disposed!
 - Eve As Paul Described Of His Own Life & Ministry In 2 Corinthians 4:8-9:
 - “We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; / Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed!”
- This Is The Testimony Of Scripture:
 - For All Who Belong To The Lord:
 - By Faith In Jesus Christ!
 - Isaiah 54:17 - “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD!”
 - So - Even Though Weapons:
 - May Be Formed Against Us:
 - They Will Not:
 - Finish Us!
 - Why? Because - Psalm 118:6 - “The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?”
 - Remember When The Brothers Of Joseph:
 - Sold Him To Be A Slave In Egypt?
 - Remember How - In The End:
 - Joseph Responded?
 - Genesis 50:20 - “But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good!”
 - And The Same Is True For You!
 - Because Of God’s Purpose For You:
 - There Is Absolutely:
 - No Competition: **IE:** Like Me!
 - Against Him Or Against You:
 - That Can Frustrate His Purpose!
 - 8:31 - “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”
 - Noone - So Keep Your Trust:
 - In The Purpose Of God:
 - For You!

* Then - Second - Do Not Doubt:

2. His Great Provision For You!

- As We Find In The Second In This Series Of Questions:
 - In 8:32 - “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”
- The Truth Of God’s Provision:
 - Is Found In The First Part Of This Verse:
 - God Spared Not His Own Son:
 - But Delivered Him Up For Us All:
 - And For You!
 - Of Course - This Tells Us:
 - About The Great Price That Was Paid:
 - To Secure The Salvation Of Sinners!
 - Not Only Did It Cost Jesus:
 - His Life!
 - It Cost God The Father:
 - His Only Son!
 - **IE:** Every Time Our Country Has Gone To War - America Has Sent Its Finest Sons & Daughters Into Harms Way - With The Knowledge That Some - Even Many - Of Them Will Not Return Home! Starting In

- WW2 - For Every Family Member Who Went Off To War - Display A Blue Star - Whenever They Received News That Their Child Was Killed - Display A Gold Star! Even Today - Gold Star Pins Are Given To The Families Of Fallen Soldiers! Imagine The Great Sorrow & Sacrifice Of A Family - To Lose A Son Or A Daughter!
 - It Took This Kind Of Sorrow & Sacrifice For God Himself To “Spare Not His Own Son!”
 - Not Only In War Against His Enemies - But In Order To Provide For Our Salvation & Peace!
 - This Verse Also Brings To Mind:
 - What God Called On Abraham To Do:
 - With His Only Son - Isaac:
 - In Genesis 22:2 - “And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of!”
 - And Abraham Obeyed!
 - But Remember What Happened Next?
 - God Intervened & Stopped Abraham:
 - And Offered A Substitute:
 - In The Form Of A Ram!
 - But - What Did God Do:
 - With Jesus - **His** Own Son - For You?
 - No Intervention For Jesus:
 - Because Jesus Was Our Intervention!
 - No Substitute For Jesus:
 - Because Jesus Was Our Substitute!
 - No Other Lamb Besides Jesus:
 - Because Jesus Is:
 - “The Lamb Of God, Which Taketh Away The Sins Of The World!” (John 1:29)
 - God The Father Held Nothing Back:
 - In Order To “Save Them To The Uttermost That Come Unto God By Him” - That Is: (Hebrews 7:25)
 - His Only Son Jesus!
 - And:
- The Implication Of God’s Provision:
 - Is This:
 - “How Shall Not With Him – Jesus – Also Freely Give Us All Things?”
 - Since God Gave Us Only Son For Us:
 - The Answer To This Question:
 - Is - He Will!
 - He Will With Jesus:
 - “Also Freely Give Us All Things!”
 - See - If God Did Not Withhold From You:
 - His Greatest Treasure - His Only Son:
 - Will He Withhold From You:
 - The Rest Of His Treasure?
 - No!
 - As Charles Hodge Once Wrote:
 - “The Gift Of Christ Includes All Other Gifts!”
 - When You Believe In & Receive Him, You Receive Them All!
 - Even As We Find In:
 - Psalm 84:11 - “For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly!”
 - And - In Revelation 21:7:
 - The Lord Says - “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son!”
 - Because Of God’s Provision For You:
 - There Is Absolutely:
 - No Change:

- In His Plans For You & In His Promises To You! **IE:** Unlike Me - Mind & Plans Change All The Time!

- When God Gives:

- He Does So:

- Graciously!

- Generously!

- And Gladly!

- 8:32 - "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

- He Will - So Keep Your Trust:

- In The Provision Of God:

- To You!

* Then - Third - Do Not Doubt:

3. His Great Peace With You!

- As We Find In The Third Question In This Series:

- In 8:33 - "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth!"

- In This Verse & The Next - The Order Is Different Than In The Previous Two Verses!

- Whereas The Last Two Verses:

- Dealt With Questions About:

- Our Hope In The Lord!

- These Two Verses:

- Seem To Deal With Questions:

- About Our Peace With God!

- Do You Still Struggle With This Kind Of Doubt?

- Do You Still Wonder Sometimes:

- How God Could Love & Seek To Save:

- Such A Sinner As You?

- If So - Then You Need To Remember:

- The Truth Of God's Peace:

- Which Is Found In The Second Part Of This Verse:

- "It Is God That Justifieth!"

- And It Is God That Justifies You:

- When You Turn To & Trust In His Only Son:

- To Be Your Savior From Sin!

- This Is The Great Theme:

- Not Only Of This Chapter:

- But Of This Entire Book & Even:

- All Of Scripture!

- Back In 5:1 - We Are Told:

- "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

- And Then - In 8:30 - It Says:

- "Whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified!"

- Since God Is Not Only:

- The Judge - But He Is Also:

- The Prosecutor:

- In The Case Of Our Crimes Against Him:

- When God Renders A Verdict:

- It Is Final And Complete!

- And His Verdict For You:

- If You Are Trusting In His Son:

- Is - "Not Guilty!"

- And Now - Sinner Though You & I May Still Be:

- The Case Is Closed!

- The Court Is Shut!

- The Appeals Are Over!

- The Price Has Been Paid!

- And - The Sinner Is Freed!

- And You Have Peace With God!
- And:
- The Implication Of God's Peace:
 - Is This - From The First Part Of 8:33:
 - "Who Shall Lay Any Thing To The Charge Of God's Elect?"
 - So - Since It Is God Who Justifies:
 - The Answer To This Question:
 - Is - Noone!
 - So - Even Though There May Still Be:
 - Some Who Will Try:
 - To Bring More Accusations Against You:
 - None Of Their Charges:
 - Will Ever Stick Again!
 - The World:
 - May Call Into Question:
 - Your Actions & Attitudes:
 - And Your Aims & Your Motives!
 - Your Own Conscience - At Times:
 - May Cause You To Question:
 - The Status Of Your Own Forgiveness And Peace With God!
 - Even As You Say Within Yourself:
 - As Paul Did - "O Wretched Man That I Am!"
 - Even The Devil Himself:
 - Who Is Known In Revelation 12:10:
 - As - "The Accuser Of The Brethren!"
 - They All Will Have:
 - Their Mouths Stopped!
 - Because - If You Are God's Child:
 - Then - You Are God's Chosen!
 - His Elect!
 - And We Have "An Advocate With The Father, Jesus Christ The Righteous!" (1 John 2:1)
 - And We Find Our Peace With God:
 - In & Through Him! So:
- Because Of God's Peace With You:
 - There Is Now Absolutely:
 - No Charge:
 - That Can Stick Against You!
 - Because You Are:
 - "Justified By Faith!"
 - 8:33 - "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth!"

* And Then - Fourth - Do Not Doubt:

4. His Great Pardon Of You!

- Which Is What We Find In The Last Question We Will Look At Today - In 8:34:
 - "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us!"
 - Once Again - In The Last Part Of The Verse We Are Given:
- The Truth Of God's Pardon!
 - "It Is Christ That Died, Yea Rather, That Is Risen Again, Who Is Even At The Right Hand Of God, Who Also Maketh Intercession For Us!"
 - This Is The Gospel In A Nutshell!
 - The Ministry Of Jesus Christ In Summary Form!
- It Covers:
 - His Crucifixion!
 - His Resurrection!
 - His Exaltation! And:
 - His Intercession!

- All Of Which Makes Your Pardon:
 - And The Forgiveness Of Your Sin:
 - Possible!
- When Jesus Was Crucified:
 - According To Colossians 2:14:
 - Jesus Blotted Out - “The handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross!”
 - And He Died:
 - So That You Can Be Forgiven!
- When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - According To 1 Corinthians 15:17:
 - “If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins!”
 - But Since He Did Raise & Is Now “Alive Forevermore”:
 - Your Forgiveness Too Will Be Forever!
- When Jesus Ascended Into Heaven:
 - According To Philippians 2:9:
 - “God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name!”
 - And It Is By Faith In Him & His Name:
 - That We Receive Salvation And Forgiveness Of Sin!
- So That Right Now:
 - According To Hebrews 7:25:
 - Jesus - “Ever Liveth To Make Intercession” For Us!
 - He Continues To Pray For Us & To Plea His Own Sacrifice:
 - For The Pardon Of Our Sins!
 - And He Never Takes A Break! **IE**: No PTO For Jesus!
 - And This Makes Your Pardon Both Sure And Complete! And:
- The Implication Of God’s Pardon:
 - Is This - From The First Part Of 8:34:
 - “Who Is He That Condemneth?”
 - The Answer To This Question:
 - Is Based On The Everlasting Results Of His:
 - Crucifixion!
 - Resurrection!
 - Exaltation! And:
 - Intercession!
 - The Answer To This Question:
 - Is - Noone!
 - **IE**: Monopoly - Get Out Of Jail Free Card! Mom!
- So It Is For All True Believers In Jesus Christ!
 - Not Only - Will There Be No More:
 - Charges & Accusations Against You:
 - There Is Also Now Absolutely:
 - No Condemnation!
 - Not Even By God!
 - 8:34 - “Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us!”

Conclusion:

1. So Now - Christian:
 - “Be Not Afraid, Only Believe!”
2. If You Ever Doubt:
 - Or Fear:
 - That God Might Forget About You:
 - Or Forsake You!
 - Remember:
 - God’s Plan & Purpose For You!
 - “If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?”
 - And - There Is No Competition:

- To His Plan!
 - Because The Intercession & Requests Of Jesus:
 - Prove That God Is For You!
 - You Belong To Him Because:
 - You Are His “Purchased Possession” By The Blood Of Jesus Christ!
3. If You Ever Doubt:
- Or Fear:
 - That God May Not Finish:
 - And Complete What He Started In You!
 - Remember:
 - God’s Provision For You!
 - He “Spared Not His Own Son” - For You!
 - And - There Is No Change!
 - No Deviation In His Provision!
 - Because The Exaltation & Reign Of Jesus:
 - Even Proves That He Can & Will:
 - “Freely Give [You] All Things!”
4. If You Ever Doubt:
- Or Fear:
 - That You Might Fail To The Point:
 - That God’s Forgiveness Will Be Lost! Then:
 - Remember:
 - God’s Peace With You!
 - “It Is God That Justifieth!”
 - And - There Is Now No Charge Against You:
 - That Will Stick!
 - Because The Resurrection Of Jesus:
 - Proves That The Case Against You:
 - Is Forever Closed!
 - Since - 4:25 - Jesus - “Who was delivered for our offences” - Was Also - “Raised again for our justification!”
5. And - If You Ever Doubt:
- Or Fear:
 - That You Will Miss Out On Eternal Fellowship With God:
 - Because Of Your Own Sins & Failures!
 - Remember:
 - God’s Pardon Of You!
 - And The Death Of Jesus:
 - Proves That - As We Started Romans 8:
 - “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus!”
 - Jesus Paid It All!
6. So - Now:
- No Matter What Your Greatest Fear May Be:
 - “Be Not Afraid, Only Believe!”
 - Believe That:
 - God Is With You - And:
 - Will Ever Be For You!

* What Are Your Greatest Fears & Doubts? Trust & Rest In The Lord!

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